



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 3

Meeting Date: January 24, 2011
Meeting Location: Joy Rose Center
1000 W. Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN

Council Members Present: Fay Russell, Regional Manager; Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County DCS; Pamela Whisman, Marshall County DCS; Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County DCS; William Horton, Elkhart County DCS; Linda Cioch, Director St. Joseph County DCS; Teresa Zornig, St. Joseph County DCS; Magistrate Deborah Domine, Elkhart County Circuit Court

Council Members Absent: Judge Duane Huffer, Kosciusko County Superior Court; Judge Curtis Palmer; Elkhart County Circuit Court; Judge Peter Nemeth; Joe Wine, Foster Parent; Sally Mahnken, CASA Kosciusko County; Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County DCS; Amanda Herendeen, Kosciusko County DCS

Others In Attendance: Rachel Tobin-Smith, SCAN; Janet Rathberger, DCS; Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager; Bob Girard, Elkhart County; Charles Whetstone, Director of Probation St. Joseph County; Todd Kelly, White's Residential; Bonnie Raine, Oaklawn; Don Phillips, Bashor; Pat Hancock, FCC; Jill Hendricks, Whittington; Millie McDonald, Whittington; Bill Stephan, Bowen Center; Rhonda Gipson-Willis, FCC; Shelly Ambroziak; Marzy Bauer, YWCA North Central Indiana; Candy Yoder, CAPS; Joanne Murillo, IJTF; Jan Lanning, Oaklawn; Polly Hoover, Oaklawn; Kelly Aberli, FCC; Tony Jeffers, SAFY; Bruce Greenburg, FCC; Rachel Bowers, Lifeline; Aaron Sikirosarci, Lifeline; Betsy Kuhn, The Villages; Amy Knoblock, WRFS; Barb Vernon, CAPS

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:01a.m. by Fay Russell

1. Welcome/Introductions of Members and Guests.
2. Approval of the Minutes. Minutes from 11-15-10 were reviewed. Bill Horton motioned approval of the minutes and Michael Carroll seconded. Vote taken. All in favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.
3. Community Partners Update. Rachel Tobin-Smith updated members on local prevention dollars which are at 38% of budget spent YTD. Rachel reported that the Kosciusko County Program for Supervised Visits for Domestic Violence was having trouble starting up, they are working with them. There was a late contract with Marshall County for Parenting, it should be up and running this month. Outcomes reviewed by Rachel for Therapeutic Pre-School, Young Mothers Program, Abuse Prevention/DV, Prevention Education-Neglect, and Parenting Education. Everyone is doing a good job meeting their outcomes. Fay Russell questioned why an outcome is at 133%. Rachel explained that they have gone above and beyond; more families and these families scored better than 100% on their measures. Rachel said that she can adjust for

100% if wanted. Rachel will email members a better explanation of the percentages. Magistrate Domine would like to know how many people were served by these numbers. Community Partners service dollars are at 49.589% which is on track. Rachel stated that we do not have enough money to serve everybody but we are on sturdy ground. Total enrollment in December was 17. Rachel reported that they are doing better on goal achievement. HFPII's have improved; they have started reading to clients. Engagement is at 50%, because we do not have enough money to serve everybody. Rachel explained that they have been doing triage, providing levels of service with I&R and short term services (one or two visits). There is no reporting category to show these efforts on the data. Rachel is working with the State to record I&R.

Fay Russell announced that the next Regional Service Council meeting will be a week later on the 28th due to President's Day. The Directors will meet with Rachel before the next meeting. Region 3 did receive more money for next year.

4. Service Update. Aretha Green, Regional Coordinator, is working on the RFP's and could not attend today. The Regional Coordinator, Regional Manager, and County Directors will be evaluating the proposals next month.

5. Regional Budget Update. Joni Tusing, Regional Financial Manager reported that we are half way through the fiscal year. We are at 43.3% of budget spent YTD, below the 50% mark. November and December totals were low compared to previous months. Expenditures are going down. Repayments are down, currently at 40%. Net costs are at 42.64%. Comparisons reviewed, institutional costs are lower. Preservation Services report was reviewed. There was one question from the audience, "Is there a report for claims that have been denied?" Joni replied that she has not seen much of a difference in denied claims. Some claims that are denied should not have been bill for. Claims that are denied can be re-billed for and will appear in a report once they are paid.

6. County Update. Linda Cioch, Director Saint Joseph County, reported working on initiatives. Linda is holding interviews today for the Division Manager position.

Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County, reported working on new initiatives. His staff is focusing on reducing the length of stay and increasing relative care.

Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County, reported his staff is working on initiatives to serve children and families better. Elkhart County and Kosciusko County are interviewing for an attorney position that the two counties will share.

7. Other Business. Fay Russell announced that the council membership does not need to change every two years but if anyone would like to make a membership change to please notify her. She will be sending out information during the next month on membership and proxy assignments in case anyone wishes to make a change.

Magistrate Deborah Domine of Elkhart County announced the 3rd Annual Community Summit on Children - Every Child, Every Day, Thursday, February 10th, 9-2pm at the Maple City Chapel 2015 Lincolnway East, Goshen.

Tony Sommer motioned for adjournment and Magistrate Deborah Domine seconded. Meeting adjourned 10:42a.m.

Next RSC Meeting, February 28th, 10am at the Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend